(b) if so, the places where these are being set up and since when they are under construction; and

(c) the time by which they are likely to be completed and the estimated amount likely to be spent thereon?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). New LPG distributorships are opened in different areas as per Marketing Plans, products availability etc. Efforts are constantly being made to provide as many LPG connections as early as possible.

Disposal of Cases of Coal Bearing Areas 'Appellate Authority'

2335. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of cases submitted to the 'Appellate Authority' under Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act. 1957 during the last three years;

(b) whether all the cases have been disposed of;

(c) if not, the number of cases yet to be disposed of and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the remaining cases are likely to be disposed of?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the House.

Flood Control Scheme in Uttar Pradesh

2336. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted any scheme to the Union Government for the control of floods in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). There are 34 flood management scheme costing Rs. 83 crores, under technical appraisal. 10 schemes costing Rs.17 crores have been recommended to the Planning Commission for approval. Observations on others, except seven recently received have been sent for compliance to the State Government.

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Allotment of LPG Agencies and Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets on Out of Turn Basis

2338. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG and petrol/diesel retail outlets sanctioned on out of turn basis during the last twelve months;

(b) the details of the persons to whom the agencies/retail outlets sanctioned and the specific reasons therefor;

(c) the number or requests pending with his Ministry for the allotment of agencies/retail outlets; and

(d) the time by which pending requests are likely to be finalised?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). 35 LPG distributorships and 69 petrol/diesel retail outlets were sanctioned to different persons by the Government under its discretionary powers from November, 1990 to October, 1991.

(c) and (c). Such requests are regularly received by Govt. and disposed off on the merits of each case.

Reduction in Supply of Oil Products

2339. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Coordination Committee has proposed substantial reductions in supplies of oil products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government and major private and public sector consumers thereto?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Irrigation Projects and Dams in Gujarat

2340. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects and dams in Gujarat pending with the Union Government;

(b) the details including the time-schedule for construction of the on-going irrigation projects and dams in the State;

(c) whether some of these projects are running behind schedules;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the extent of cost escalation as a result of the delay?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) A Statement giving details of major and medium irrigation projects at different stages of appraisal is enclosed.

(b) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.